

SENATE BILL 1168

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-103(5), relative to the practice of speech language pathology.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-103(5), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following as a new subdivision (B):

(B) The practice of speech language pathology shall include the use of rigid and flexible endoscopes to observe the pharyngeal and laryngeal areas of the throat in order to observe, collect data, and measure the parameters of communication and swallowing for the purpose of functional assessment and rehabilitation planning. The board may adopt rules governing the qualifications which must be met by speech language pathologists using endoscopes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.